

LUNENBURG PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF LUNENBURG



LANDSCAPE POLICY FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

Prior to the beginning of earth work and/or construction or renovation of buildings and impervious surfaces, the applicant shall submit to the Planning Board a plan prepared by a registered professional landscape architect. In non-residential projects the landscape plan shall be pertinent to the use, location and setting.

The following minimum standards shall apply where appropriate:

- Buffer zones protecting the side and back areas adjacent to any residential abutters.
- Plantings which will inhibit erosion.
- Planting and/or mounding which will minimize the view of the parking lot from any street.
- Appropriate shrub planting, preferably introduced in a natural manner. These plantings shall be in front of the structure, on islands, along parking areas, edge of access road and any place which will relieve the stark appearance of the site and mitigate the scale of the buildings.
- Wetland should have indigenous plantings approved by the Conservation Commission, both to improve the function of and the aesthetics of the wetland.
- Trees will be planted in an appropriate size and number as defined by the Planning Board. Tree plantings will have to be suitable to the site.
- Trees shall include an appropriate mixture of well formed deciduous types at least 3 ½ inch caliber with flowering trees of a minimum of 2 ½ inch caliber.
- Terraced landscaping will be required if the project demands such.

The Applicant shall also submit a written landscape maintenance plan and a schedule to assure proper plant and landscape maintenance as needed. There shall also be written assurance that plant life shall be replaced to maintain the approved plan. The name of the landscape service company shall be submitted to the Planning Board for record keeping.

- All grassy areas shall be cut during the growing season to guarantee a neat appearance.
- All planting and grassy areas shall have a water schedule to insure all vegetation remains suitable throughout the growing and/or dry season.
- All clean-up work shall be ongoing in an acceptable landscaping practice procedure, which includes continuing pick-up of trash on the whole site.